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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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Re: FOIA 2019-45626

Dear Mr. Hoppock:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) dated June 11, 2019 in which you seek “records or information reflecting each IJ’s metrics as of May 31, 2019.”

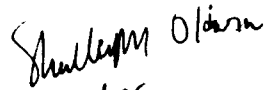
Records reflecting the information that you request are being withheld in their entirety under Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6), to avoid an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and under Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), because the information therein is deliberative in nature. Consistent with our obligation to segregate exempt information from non-exempt information, we conducted a line-by-line review of the records withheld under the deliberative process privilege. We determined that there is no releasable information *See Mead Data Cent., Inc. v. U.S. Dept. of the Air Force*, 566 F.2d 242 (D.C. Cir. 1977). In that regard, these records are withheld in their entirety.

You may contact the FOIA Public Liaison at the telephone number 703-605-1297 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with this response to your request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Information Policy, Sixth Floor, 441 G Street, NW Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following website <https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>.

Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph R. Schaaf".

Joseph R. Schaaf
Senior Counsel for Administrative Law